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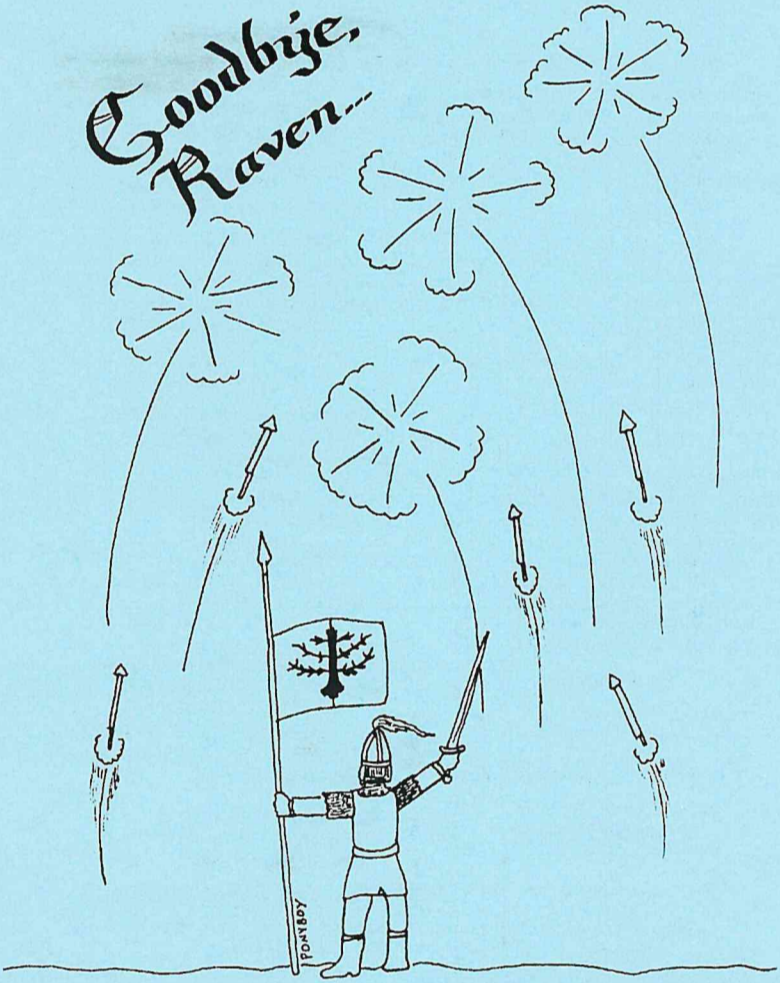

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MARCH

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26 SWORDED AFFAIR *al-Barran* O

APRIL

9 KINGDOM A&S *Scorpion's Hollow* O

MAY

May 2005! Happy New Year! Anno Societatus XL!
14-15 CORONATION *Dragonspine* O
25-30 GRAND OUTLANDISH *al-Barran* O

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency O attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

Estrella was amazing, everywhere we went al-Barran was there ... the last defenders standing against the invaders during the night raid and town battles, cutting a swath against the odds on the rapier field, placing in both the dancing and storage container A&S competitions, shopping, water-bearing, marshaling, chirurgeon's, setting up, tearing down, helping others stay dry, warm and fed, and volunteering seemingly everywhere ...

- Everyone that ran and competed in the Outlands Prize Tourney (over 90 entrants and a great format),
- Mistress Rhianwen, the cooks, bartenders, dancers, drummers, and party-goers that made the Outlands Party the best of the war,
- Everyone that competed or taught hardsuit, rapier, archery, and/or A&S this year; Lady Coriander of Johnstone took 2nd in the storage container category,
- Our al-Barranian Dancers performed fantastically, and looked marvelous thanks to the efforts of many. Huzzah to the youth dance troupe that competed Saturday after Lady Jayne Barber taught them a dance on Friday,
- All the newest bearers of the Guido and Cordon Scorpion, wear them with pride and continue bringing honor to al-Barran,
- The cooks, Mistress Callte and Mistress Monika, and helpers that made the Baronial stew so delicious,
- Everyone that helped and attended Ryan's vigil especially those that braved the late hour and damp (on the An Tir scale) conditions,
- Those that competed in or enjoyed the Outlands Bardic, we have found some diamonds in our midst. Congratulations to the Pack of Blaiddwyn for excellent execution of a cunning plan and to Lady Elanor Dream-weaver and the other winners of the evening,
- Everyone that made it out to the field in the wet on Sunday, awesome!
- The waterbearers and cooks that kept us going with beverages and tasty treats,
- The marshals and security that helped keep us safe,
- The chirurgeons that took care of us when we did not, congratulations to Sir Dennis and Lady Renee on attaining Master Chirurgeon status,
- Our awesome retinue, you even managed to keep Ryan out of trouble and Tana on time :-),
- And to everyone that traveled (or took care of home), helped, shopped, and did all those things that make us look so good and let us have such a great time ...

Thank you all for making it magical, Huzzah!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Crown Tourney in Fontaine (3/5), and then at home with blades in hand for A Sworded Affair (3/26). And don't forget to put the polish on your projects for Kingdom A&S in Scorpions Hollow (4/9).

The new site for Grand Outlandish is set, www.grandoutlandish.org for more information, but is in need of a road and some minimal cleanup. Look

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for details on the list, but we are planning a work weekend for 3/12-13.

While it did rain a bit (measured on the An Tir scale), we had a fantastic time fighting and spending time with all of you,

Ryan *Tana*

From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings,

Congratulations to everyone who competed at WAR, al-Barran had a very impressive turnout.

Kingdom Arts and Science is coming up. You must pre-register to enter this allows the coordinators to make sure there are plenty of judges and that the displays have enough room. They have made registering for the competition and everything very easy with an online form. Below is the url for the competition and all the registration forms can be accessed from there. If you have a chance to stay for feast I highly recommend it Lady Clothilde is an excellent cook.

http://www.geocities.com/blackwaterkeep/arts-sciences.htm

If anyone is interested in teaching a class or hosting a competition at Grand Outlandish please contact me as soon as possible. As soon as I have some classes and whatnot it will appear on the Outlandish webpage.

March is the end of the first Quarter of this year so starting next month I will be gathering project reports. Finish up that last little bit of your projects so you can turn in a report.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

- Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
- Singing with Lord Tancred Thursdays 6:30 268-4994
- Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694 please call Wednesday so he can set everything up
- Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair 3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
- Court Dancing for questions call Barbara at 293-7453
- Scorpion's Scales for information contact Lady Melody at 265-0161

Events:

- March 26th Sworded Affaire, *al-Barran*
- April 9th Kingdom Arts and Science, *Scorpions Hollow*, Margaret Hepburn
- May 25th-30th Grand Outlandish, *al-Barran*, Jochen

Thank-you

THL A'isha

From the Scorpion Pursuivant

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

To my knowledge, no awards have been given to anybody from al-Barran since Midwinter. Those awards were covered on my previous report to the Shaft.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in July 2004:

Diana of Llanberis. Device. Purpure, a tower within an orle of hearts argent.

Mawadda bint Suleyman. Name.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in August 2004:

Thomas Eisenmann. Name and device. Per pale gules and sable, in chief a lion dormant argent and in base three mullets of seven points Or.
(Thomas is more commonly known as "Teuton")

There were no returns from al-Barran submissions on the July or August 2004 LoARs.

Congratulations to all whose names and devices have been registered!

On January 9 I conducted the entire heavy weapons Tsunami relief tournament and made a few announcements. It's the first time I've done field heraldry since the Crown tournaments that I conducted as White Stag. I was assisted in heralding the tournament by my deputy, Murchadh Mac Diarmada, who also acted as marshal during the tournament.

Lord Y Port Lairge acted as Their Excellencies' herald for Guido Court at Estrella War.

I have volunteered to teach a class at the Known World Heraldic Symposium, which will be held on July 22-24 in Caer Galen (Longmont, CO). I may need to share a ride and/or a hotel room with someone from al-Barran who is interested in going. Please let me know.

In Service,
THL Pendar the Bard

From the Webmistress

Greetings unto all,

The following are the statistics from the al-Barran website for the month of January:

Overall accesses	41,656	Overall visits	3,572
Homepage accesses	1,053	Homepage visits	687

The Sworded Affaire site is done and up. The Grand Outlandish site will be up and running soon at www.grandoutlandish.org for all those who want to see it.

Lady Melodia Shaw

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto all,

As I'm sure some of you have noticed, this newsletter did not make it out with the speed that I was hoping for. That was largely in part due to this little thing called WAR!!! Which is where I spent my spring vacation... Getting rained on mainly. But it was a lot of fun. And even though I gave up heavy fighting a long time ago, I found a few ways to help our heavy fighters out. I became the al-Barran rally point for most of Friday. And then I became the resurrection point for the resurrection battles on Friday. That was a bit of a nervous experience... Many, many, many excited heavy fighters coming at me with weapons swinging so that they could touch the al-Barran war banner and head back into the fight with as little time lost as possible. But it was a lot of fun.

All the ladies who helped the al-Barran Court Dancers by sewing outfits for the dance competition deserve a hearty huzzah. Without you, we couldn't have done it. So let me repeat the thanks that Lady Barbara sent out with my own. Thank you all for your help. I'd like to thank Mistress Monika and Mistress Cailte for feeding us at War. It was certainly a load off our minds to know that meals were taken care of. And if schlepping stuff was a way to help out, I was more than willing to do it. To everyone else who came to Estrella and helped make the experience what it was, thank you.

Congratulations to Master Ryan. It's well deserved and a long time in coming. Thanks for allowing me to be part of it.

I'd also like to thank my deputies, Melody and Bianca, and my children for helping label, stamp, and seal all the newsletters. Thank you Michael for the cover artwork. It's a very touching piece.

In Service,

Lord Y Porc Lairge

From the Chiurgeon

Greetings good gentles!

This is a call to all of you that are interested in becoming chiurgeons or just interested in getting your CPR certification. I am planning two classes, one on March 12 and the other in April.

If you are interested, please contact me via email (sirdenniswright@comcast.net). I will need to know your name (SCA and mundane), whether you are certified and need a refresher course or if you are expired and need the complete course, and what CPR training you have had in the past. In the interest of expanding the number of chiurgeons, I am keeping the cost down (~$20). The monies cover the cost of the class and the rental of the related items.

Sir Dennis the Wright

Al-Barran Equestrian Contact

The Al-Barran Equestrian Contact person is Ana Mikhailova (*Kat O'Connor)* you can reach her by email at pianokat3@yahoo.com or equestrian@al-barran.org and by cell phone at 804-2593. Since Ana is not an Equestrian Marshal there will be no official al-barran practices listed on the calendar but please contact her for more equestrian information.

From the Baronial Scribe

Three Scribal Classes were taught at WinterWolf by THL Margherita, Lady Ymanya Murray and myself. The calligraphy class was especially well attended. Other skills taught included scroll layout, basic illumination, and correction techniques.

Many al-Barranian scribes provided largesse scrolls for royal gifts at Estrella. Many thanks to Bronwen Blackwell, Cailte Caitchairn, Elanor Dreamweaver, Llywus ap Alan, Margherita de Fiore ad Michael McQuillan for their generosity. Award scrolls for Estrella were created by Brighid Og inghean Neill (her 1st scroll!), Cailte Caitchairn, Llywus ap Alan, Michael Mcquillin, and Monika von Zell. Ymanya Murray created an award scroll for TRMs at Winter Oasis as well. Several of our scribes provided scroll blanks which will be used at future events. These include Bronwen Blackwell, Llywus ap Alan, Elanor Dreamweaver, Danica, and Michael McQuillan. And finally THL Margherita calligraphed and illuminated a scroll commissioned by Their Excellencies to thank the Dragon household for their work in creating war tabards.

In service to the barony and the scribal arts, I remain,

Monika von Zell

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Regular Activities

CITIZENS MEETING
Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice
Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice
First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice
Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

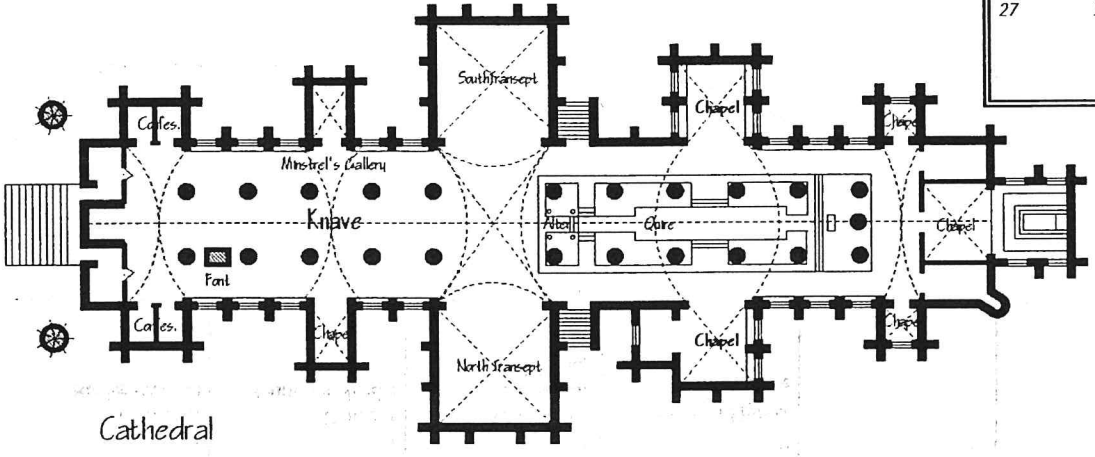
Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice
Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household
The newcomers household meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 3810 Osuna NE, Suite #1 at 6:30 pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops
The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

March Calendar of Events

5-6	Crown Tournament *Fontaine*
25	*Full Moon*
25	*Good Friday*
26	Sworded Affaire *al-Barran*
27	*Easter Sunday*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Activities listings Pages 11&14 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice.		1	2 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	3	4	5 Archery & Westside Fighter Practices
6 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	7 Gammer Gurton's Needle	8 Newcomer's Household Meeting	9 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	10	11	12 Archery
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Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice
There will be court dance classes at Sworded Affaire on Saturday, March 26. We will be meeting at the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd NE., 12:30-2:30pm on Sundays, March 13 & 20. (See pg 23 for directions.) *Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at www.yahoogroups.com for further information.*

Scorpion Scales, music group
Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://www.geocities.com/shiao_mei17/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 21. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team
This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to www.yahoogroups.com and join the al-Barran_Youth_ and_Parents list. (See article on page 18) *Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave
Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

SEA

- Lady Bianca Mantegna, Feb 2001

I scream my anger to the crashing waves
The gulls laugh
The bitter winds capture my feeble words, throwing them back onto the shore

I cry my loneliness to the dark night
The cold rain mocks my tears
Your mistress, The Sea, has stolen you once again from my aching arms

I pound my frustrations on the sand
You are gone
I await your return as I resign my empty heart to this life you have chosen

Alone

Wood and Leather Scraps, Instructors and Ideas Wanted for Youth Activities at Grand Outlandish

If you have an activity for the youth or a class that you want to teach the youth at Grand Outlandish, 1/4" or 3/8" plywood scraps (12" x 15" or larger) or leather scraps you can donate, please contact Lady Barbara, at krege@aps.edu or home, 293-7453. The leather will be used for shield handles and the plywood will be cut into shield shapes for shields for the youth for Grand Outlandish.

RASTONS

A period bread recipe!

1/8 Teaspoon salt	2 Tablespoons, sugar
2 eggs, beaten	1-1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115 degrees F.)
1 package yeast	2-12 to 3 cups flour
1/2 cup butter	garlic (to taste)
Parsley (to taste)	rosemary (to taste)

Put 2 cups flour and the yeast in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar and salt. Mix eggs and warm water together and add all at once to the flour mixture. Stir. Add enough additional flour to make a stiff dough.

Turn out onto a floured board and knead until the dough is smooth and elastic. Place in a bowl oiled with olive oil, oil the top of the dough as well. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Form into a round loaf and place on a greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with either poppy or sesame seed.. Cover and let rise another 60 minutes. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 25 to 30 minutes or until the loaf sounds hollow when tapped.

Remove from oven and place on wire rack. When cool, cut off the top crust and scoop out the center of the loaf. Chop the crumbs into small pieces and mix with the clarified butter & herbs. Put the crumb mixture back into the loaf and cover with the top crust. Put the loaf in a warm oven for 10 minutes to heat the butter before serving. Remove from oven and serve hot.

Makes one loaf

Sworded Affaire

Barony of al-Barran

Moriarty Civic Center
202 Broadway, Moriarty, NM 87035
March 26th, 2005, or A.S. XXXVIIII
Site Opens at 900am and Closes at 1000pm
Site is Discreetly Wet

In the 16th century, the rapier became the predominant weapon for the gentleman duelist, and in Spain, rapier swordsmanship was raised to a true art form. So brush up on that cheesy Spanish accent, polish your swords, and get those plumes adjusted just right, for the time has come to explore rapier combat! There will be three rapier classes covering various subjects, as well as three arts and science classes.

There will be a rapier melee, as well as the Captain of the Silver Tyne tournament, and a full day of pickup fights. Don't forget that in the 16th century, the armored warrior was still to be feared, as thus there will also be a heavy tournament.

In the evening, come and enjoy our Spanish themed feast, so break out the fancy garb, bring an appetite, and get ready for full day of fighting, learning, feasting, and fun! And, you even get to look good doing it!

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Directions to the Site: Take your best route to eastbound I-40 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Head towards Moriarty (roughly 30 miles east of Albuquerque) and take exit 196 and head right at the stop sign, then go right again at the first stoplight (west). After .2 miles, make a left on Broadway (next to the post office). After .2 miles, the Civic Center is on the left across the street from City Hall.

May Day Melées

Shire of Drygestan

Saturday, May 7, 2005
9AM – 5PM
Ragle Park
Zia Road and Yucca Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Unto the Populace of the Barony of al-Barran do the Autocrats of May Day Melées send greetings!

Please come visit the Shire of Drygestan, for May Day Melées on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The Shire of Drygestan is planning much fun, fighting, and friendship in the Park. Also planned is a hot lunch, served on-site. More details on the menu will be provided at a later date.

Both rapier and armored combat will have many melée scenarios to enjoy.

Please pay heed to Drygestan's webpage, www.drygestan.org, or the list-servs for the Kingdom of the Outlands, the Barony of al-Barran, and the Shire of Drygestan for more information.

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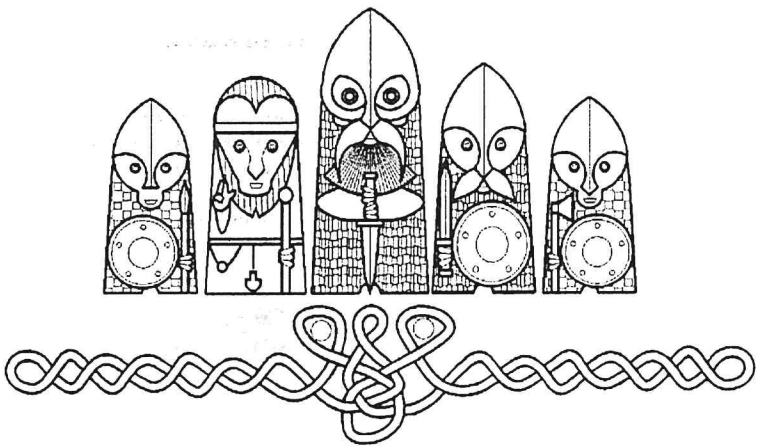
DIRECTIONS:
Take your best route to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Take exit 282, St. Francis Drive, and head north, or into Santa Fe proper. At the light for Zia Road, turn left (West). At the light for Yucca Street, turn left (South). The park will be on the left, with the baseball fields.



Grand Outlandish XXXII

May 25-30 2005, AS XL

www.grandoutlandish.org

NEW SITE Founders Ranch ***NEW SITE***

Edgewood, NM

Site opens 25 May at noon and closes 30 May at noon

Listen to the call of the horns, the stamp of the horse's hooves, the jingle of the fighter's armour. The Pope has declared another Crusade. All able bodied men are asked to go forth once again to reclaim the Holy Land from the Saracens.

It's once again time for everyone's favorite event of the year. Grand Outlandish!!!! And to make it even better, we have a NEW SITE!!! Yes, that's right a NEW SITE!!!! The site is green, it's lush, there's running.... Oh, sorry that's what we wish we had... But what we do have is a site that sits lower than the surrounding area. Which means.... Drum roll please.... LESS WIND!!!!! That's right. There will be less wind than at the Torrance County Park site. There are TREES!!! Trees that even our tallest warriors can't look over. (For those who doubt this to be possible, there are photos... Available for everyone to see on the Grand Outlandish website). There are rolling hills, there are valleys, there are very few cacti... And all this can be yours to enjoy if you come to Grand Outlandish XXXII.

So, come forth from your shires, your colleges, your baronies... come forth and help in the battle against the Saracens.

Fees:

Adults: $25

Children 15 and under: $15

Children 5 and under: Free

Family Cap: $65 (covers two (18+) adults and the children they are responsible for)

Non-member Surcharge: $5 (per person)

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Directions:

Take I-40 (from either East or West) and turn off on exit 181 and head South on Highway 217 about 5 miles to Juan Tomas Road and turn left (East). Take Juan Tomas Road East for about 1.5 miles to Barton Road and then turn left again (North). Take Barton Road North for ¾ miles to the Founders Ranch gate on the left.

Al-Barran Youth, Parents, and Volunteers Team

A special thank you to Baroness Tana and the merchant, Scott, who donated fabric for the youth pouches project! Some members of the al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Volunteers Team met at Estrella War and discussed various projects, including plans and activities for the youth at Grand Outlandish at the end of May, a website and boffer making, shields and pouches projects. Our next meeting will be at Sworded Affaire, 3/26. We are also seeking 1/4" to 3/8"plywood scraps, 12"x15" or larger and leather scraps for handles to make shields for the youth. If you would like to teach a class to the youth or have an activity for the youth at Outlandlish, have plywood or leather scraps to donate, or would be willing to help sew pouches as gifts to the youth, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or home, 293-7453. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents, and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to www.yahoogroups.com and search for the group, al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara, Youth Information Contact Person

Grand Outlandish is coming! Ya!!

So here is a call for all chiurgeons that are going to Grand Outlandish. I am the chiurgeon in charge at Outlandish and I wish to know who can help. We will be covering the fighting events and any accidents that may happen around the site. I will be scheduling a meeting for late April or early May for any that are interested.

My thanks to you that are chiurgeons and to those that will become chiurgeons

Sir Dennis the Wright
al-Barran Chiurgeon

Newcomers Tunic Making Workshop

The newcomer's household will be hosting a tunic making workshop on Saturday March 12th from 1:00 to 4:00, to be held at Baron Sebastian's workshop. This workshop will cover simple tunic construction and is being taught by Countess Kathryn and THL Diana. Address for the workshop is 8203 Roma NE. Take your best route to Lomas and Tennessee. Go north on Tennessee to Roma and turn left. Please contact THL Diana at 294-8332 if you plan to attend.

Happily,

Duchess Elasheva
THL Diana

Newcomers Household

Greetings from the Newcomers Household. We have several excited new faces joining us. Last month Sir Dennis the Wright gave an exceptional presentation on how to survive WAR!! and camping in general. Thank you Sir Dennis!! This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at the Aspen Behavioral Health Center, 3810 Osuna NE, Suite #1, and begins at 6:30pm. This month's topic is medieval women. Please contact Duchess Elasheva at 872-2711 for questions/directions.

Coming from South Albuquerque:
Take Exit 230 from I-25, which is the San Mateo-Osuna Exit. Turn LEFT onto Osuna. You will be going WEST on Osuna. See below for proceeding West on Osuna.
Coming from North of Albuquerque:
Take Exit 231 from I-25, which is the Ellison-San Antonio-Osuna Exit. Merge right onto S. Pan American Freeway. Turn Right onto Osuna. You will be going WEST on Osuna. See below for proceeding West on Osuna.
Now go West on Osuna:
The first cross street is Jefferson, the next is Washington. The next cross street is GULTON. Take a LEFT at GULTON. Make an immediate RIGHT (between two empty lots). This street has no name. Straight ahead will be two one-story brick buildings with small turquoise roofs. Aspen is located in the building on your left. As you enter the building, Aspen is in Suite 1 on your left. Look for the signs in the window of the building and in the office.
Hints: If you reach Chappell, a cross street to Osuna with a stoplight, you have gone too far west on Osuna. Turn around and now make a RIGHT on Gulton. Aspen is located West of Calvary Chapel and East of Sandia Prep, across the street from Granger, and west of the NM Education Foundation.

Please do not call the office for questions, please call Baroness Emma at 505-730-1967 or Duchess Elasheva at 505-872-2711.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

This month's meeting for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle's home. Her address is 5914 Aspen NE, which is on the SW corner of Aspen and San Pedro, between Indian School Rd. and Constitution. Phone is 232-7946 for questions/directions. This month we will be finishing up our largess project of making muffs.

Contacts: THL Delia the Rose at 232-7946, email; HLDelia@aol.com

Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

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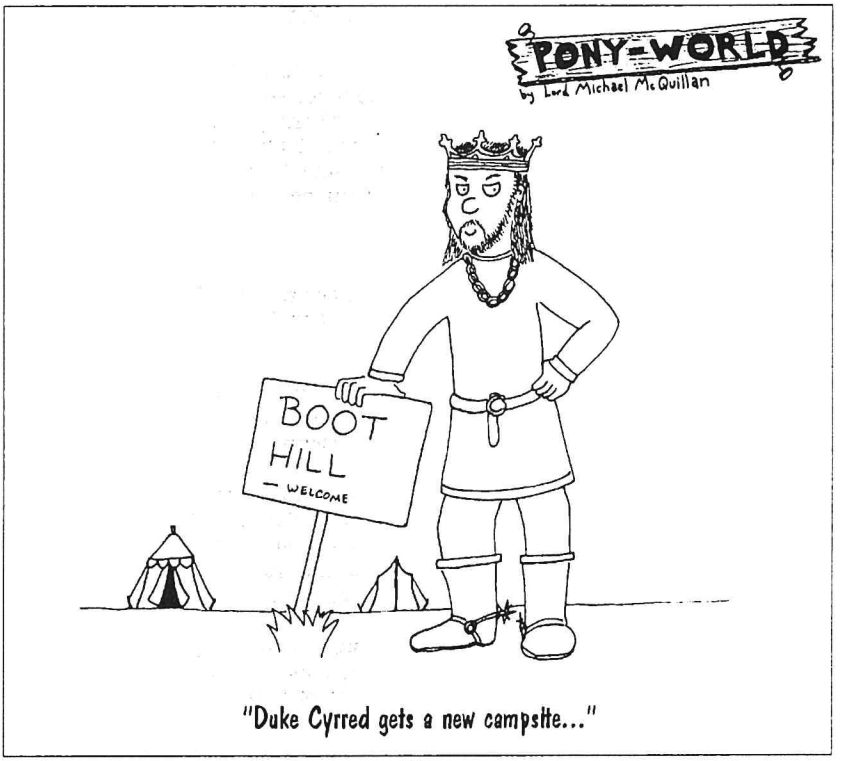
The al-Barran Court Dancers competed at Estrella War for the Outlands for the A&S European Dance (court dance) war point. They did their own reconstruction of a fifteenth-century ballo, Tesara, and received third place in the competition. A very special thank you to Lord Canus, Lady Melody, Lady Thalauriana, Lord Y, THLord Cristobal, Hanniya, Lady Bianca, Lady Lyneya, Lady Barbara, Ivanna, and Marra for all of their hard work, dedication, collaboration and support of each other and this project for the last six months. Many people supported us in many different ways. First of all, we wish a very, very special thank you to Baroness Tana for all of her support this past year. She organized a group of ladies a year ago, who gifted us by sewing our fifteenth-century Italian outfits. She personally cut out all of the pieces for all 10 outfits, donated a dress, beautifully stenciled fabric for one of the tabards, and met with us on several occasions to show us appropriate clothing, headwear and hair styles. She also attended our performance at Estrella and one of our dress rehearsals. Your Excellency, we really appreciate all that you have done to support us and court dancing in al-Barran.

A very special thank you to Lady Thalauriana, who sewed three of our outfits, helped on a fourth outfit, and made headpieces. Huzzah! A very special thank you also to Mistress Richenza, THLady Delia, THLady Diana, Lady Emer, Lady Sile, Lady Dalia, and Marissa, who each sewed one of the dancer's entire outfit, consisting of 7 or more pieces each. We very much appreciate you and thank you very, very much! A special thank you also to Baron Sebastian and THLady Brieschia for their help in planning, measuring, obtaining fabric, providing notions and other help in the sewing of our 10 outfits and to THLady Brieschia, who with Baroness Tana patterned and cut the outfits. Thanks also to Mistress Monika, Duchess Leah, Baroness Sarah, and Mistress Arwen of Caerthe, who read and gave us great feedback on our documentation and to Mistress Arwen and THLord Guillaume of Caerthe, who helped us with our primary source and dance step interpretations. We also want to thank Renee, who obtained an indoor winter dance practice room for us and Maria who obtained the valuable primary source--2 dance volumes from UNM. A special thank you also to Maria and Lady Bianca who learned the dance and were our backup dancers for this competition. Thanks also to Lady Thaluariana and Lord Y, who rented a truck and hauled much of our things to war, to Mistress Monika who fed us on the day of the competition and to Lady Melody for making many, many practice CDs of our dance music. We have been truly blessed! Huzzah to all of you!

At war on Friday afternoon, we put together and taught a group of sixteen youth, most of them ages 7 to 12, the sixteenth century ballo, Ballo del Fiore. They also competed against the adult entries for the A&S war point on behalf of the Outlands. They placed fourth and their documentation was done in advance by Joseph, age 10, of Golden Oak. The judges were delighted with their performance and were very surprised to hear that they only had 2 1/2 hours to learn and rehearse this dance. I was very impressed and felt they did a beautiful job! So a very special thank you to Lord Chase of Dragonsspine, Amanda and Mariah from Fontaine, and these thirteen youth from al-Barran—Joseph, Sean, Ian, Starfire, Kamryn, Sarah, Isabelle, Kaylin, Kevin, John, and Troy, and to their leaders, Rachel and Donovan. Thank you all and a special thank you their parents for their support.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara



"Duke Cyrred gets a new campsite..."

Court Dancing

A special thank you to Lady Melody, Lady Thalauriana, Lord Canus, and Lady Barbara for teaching four hours of court dance classes at Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf Event recently. There will also be court dance classes at Sworded Affaire, March 26. Thanks to Renee, we have had a great indoor site during the winter for court dance practices, which is also very close to fighter practice park. We are meeting at the Monte Vista Christian Church at 3501 Campus Blvd NE. 12:30-2:30pm on Sundays, March 13 and 20. To get to the church, go south on Carlisle south of Lomas to Grand (Grand is 2 blocks north of Central). Turn right (west) onto Grand and go 2 blocks to the church. We will "probably" return to fighter practice park, Bataan Park, on the NW corner of Carlisle & Lomas, for court dance practices in April, which are "tentatively" scheduled for Sundays, April 3 and 17 from 12:30-2:30pm. If you want to know more about dance practices, you can also join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list, or contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or home 293-7453. The discussion list will give you the latest information concerning court dancing practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran. Just go to www.yahoogroups.com and search for alBarranMusic_Dance to join this free discussion list.

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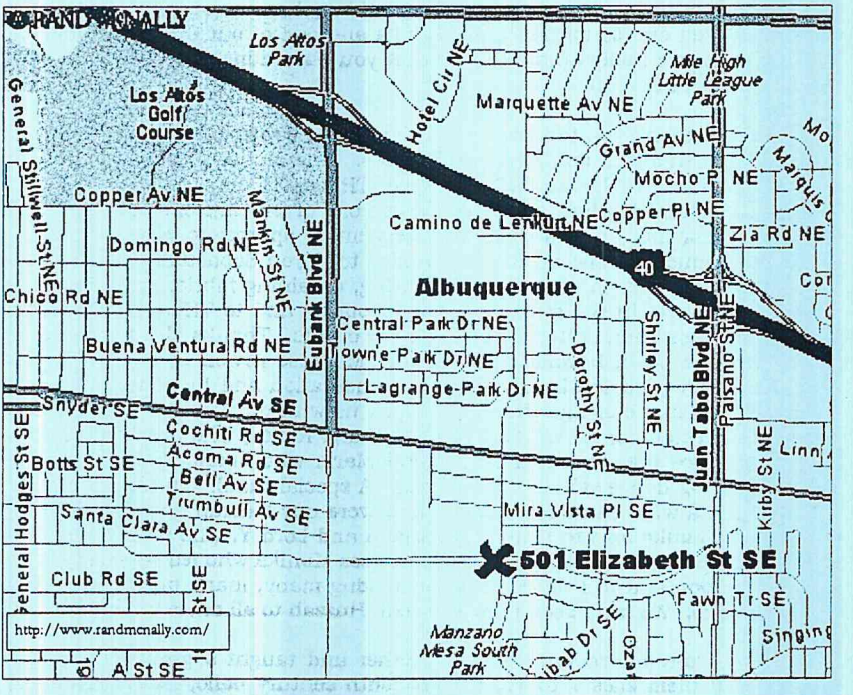
Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 21 March. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Articles are due on the Friday after Citizen's Meeting.

Thanks for renewing! 10/1/2005

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